GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1770
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THEFT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the theft of coal from Railway wagons during the last two years alongwith the quantity and value thereof, year/zone-wise;

(b) whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken against those found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Details of theft of coal from Railway wagons during the last two financial years i.e. 1998-99 & 1999-2000 (zone- wise) alongwith the quantity and value thereof is as under:-

Railways	Year	No. of cases	Value of stolen coal (In Rs.)	Quantity of coal (In Kgs.)
Central	1998-99	46	34950	23700
	1999-2000	53	22741	4763
Eastern	1998-99	88	120903	120879
	1999-2000	39	67730	55300
Northern	1998-99	6	24406	21806
	1999-2000	9	89130	69790
North Eastern Frontier	1998-99	2	500	250
	1999-2000	1	300	140
Northeast Frontier	1998-99	-	-	-
	1999-2000	-	-	-
Southern	1998-99	-	-	-
	1999-2000	-	-	-
South Central	1998-99	40	113585	77945
	1999-2000	27	49555	14864
South Eastern	1998-99	18	39970	44325
	1999-2000	12	18585	12970
Western	1998-99	85	15250	4815
	1999-2000	54	12095	3145
Total	1998-99	285	349564	293774
	1999-2000	195	260136	160972

(b) & (c) All cases of theft of coal are registered and investigated by RPF under the provision of the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1960. Offenders are prosecuted in the Court of Law. As and when any instance of involvement of Railway employees comes to notice, suitable action is taken against him in the Court of Law, apart from Departmental disciplinary action.